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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Thank goodness I was able to choose Sonic as my Internet provider. I work from home many days as I travel for work to customers and work from home between trips. During that time I use the Internet heavily in order to provide training and host online events for others in my company. Both AT&T and Comcast have far higher rates for far lower data rates with no option to do better except to pay three to four times as much money as I pay now for the same data rate as I have now. I know that without a competitor in place AT&T would raise their rates even more. Even worse, AT&T has a data cap and so I'd end up paying even more, while Sonic does not.

I am willing to pay more for even higher rates but AT&T isn't building that out in my area of San Jose, CA. I am looking forward to switching to fiber as soon as Sonic builds it out in my area. For now I'm forced to use DSL but am deeply grateful to have a competitive option available to me. Especially as that allows another provider the time and income to build into my area.

Currently I use both cellular and landline telephone service. The landline service is also over Sonic. The cellular service is terrible and requires me to walk to the end of my driveway to have a decently reliable call. This is using AT&T mobile in the 11th largest city in the US and has been the situation for years. Competition is the only thing pushing these companies to improve or holding prices down to something I can afford.

Please support broadband competition and local competitive internet providers and please don't limit or eliminate their ability to continue to provide local internet connectivity and services.

Respectfully,

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